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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Hilberg KAROLIUSSEN  
Serial No. : 10/599,162                      Group Art Unit: 3729  
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Title : **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COLD JOINING  
FLANGES AND COUPLING ELEMENTS TO PIPES**  
Entity Status : Small Entity  
Our Docket : RR-636 PCT/US

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 2, 2011

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of December 8, 2010.

Applicant petitions for a three month time extension until June 8, 2011 to respond to the Office Action. A Credit Card Authorization is attached for payment of the \$555 petition fee (small entity) for the three month time extension. Please charge any additional fees in connection with this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 18-1743.

The claims pending in this application and any amendments of the claims are detailed in the following section entitled *Current Status of Claims*. Amendments to the specification are detailed in the following section entitled *Amendments to the Specification*. Amendments to the drawings are detailed in the following section entitled *Amendments to the Drawings*.